

PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH

INTRODUCTION

THEATRE ROYAL.

CITY HALL.
THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.
the 27th-December, 1894.
THE "SNOWDROPS."
(BY SPECIAL DESIRE)
WILL GIVE THEIR SECOND.
GRAND ETHIOPIAN DRAWING.

ROOM ENTERTAINMENT.

COMMENCING AT 9 P.M.

Tickets may be obtained and Seats secured
at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s on and
after MONDAY, the 22nd instant.

Prices of Admission:

Dress Circle and Stalls.....\$3.00.
Back Seats.....\$1.00.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1884. [2368]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship.

"FOKIEN."

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the
above PORT-MORROW, the 28th instant,
at DAWN.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 26th December, 1884. [2413]

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
 for CHEFOO, NINGPO, TIENTSIN, NEWCHANG,
 HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

THE Steamship

"MEEFOO."

Captain Lunt will be despatched for the above
 Port TO-MORROW, the 23rd instant at Day
 LIGHT.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, 26th December, 1884. [241]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
 SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
 FOR, MANILA VIA AMOY.
 THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE"
 Captain Stack will be despatched for the
 above Port on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at
 FIVE P.M.
 For Freight or Passage apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 26th December, 1884. [241]

ARE NOW SHOWING
NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS—
 A Fine Selection of Fancy and Leather Goods, and useful Articles. Special attention is called to the large number of inexpensive Novelties.
NEW YEAR'S CARDS—
 A Beautiful Assortment of English and American Cards by the best Manufacturers.
NEW YEAR'S BON-BONS—
 All the New Season's Novelties.
NEW YEAR'S CAKE—

A Specially Selected Lot of Invitations, Fashionable and Complimentary Stationery.

NEW YEAR'S VISITING CARDS—
 Visiting Cards for the New Year printed at very short Notice. The best Assortment of Fancy Type in the Colour. Customers who may require their Cards engraved will oblige by sending their Cards early.

DIARIES FOR THE NEW YEAR—
 Letts' Commercial, Scribbling and Pocket.

Diaries, Pacific Coast Diaries. Ang
Chinese Date Blocks. Blotting Pads w
Diaries attached.

WHITTAKER'S ALMANACS—As our supply m
be expected in a few days we are now bo
ing orders in advance.

251 KELLY & WALSH, Queen's Road.
THE NORTH CHINA INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SCRIP LOST.

SCRIP CERTIFICATE No. 535 for TWO SHARES in this Company (numbered 3 and 3384) Registered in the name of T. W. SUN & Co. has been declared to be LOST.

This is to give Notice that unless the Certificate be presented at the Offices of the Company on or before the 5th January, 1891, a NEW CERTIFICATE will be issued in lieu thereof.

By Order of the Comt of Directors

by Order of the Council.
J. KENNARD DAVIS
Secretary.
Shanghai, 19th December, 1884. [2]

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

IT is requested that all Bills in connection with the above Ball be sent in to the H. TREASURER as early as convenient, in order that the accounts may be closed as soon as possible.

H. M. THOMSETT,
Hon. Treasurer,
St. George's Hall,
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1884. [2]

ALL CLAIMS against the ESTATE of
late BANDMASTER of "THE BUFFS"
MR. H. QUINN, must be sent to the President
of the Committee of Adjustment, on or before
the 31st December. After that date
CLAIMS will be recognized.

C. HOWARD

President Committee of Adjustment
Murray Barracks,
19th December, 1894.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to CLOSURE his Business, requests that any Person having CLAIMS against him will send in before the 15th. Proving otherwise they will be lost.

before a Justice of the Peace, and the same may be recognized.

All DEBTS due to him must be set out before the above date.

KHAMISA JOOMA,
Draper, &c., &c.;
No. 112, Wellington Street
Hongkong, 24th December, 1884.

WANTED.

A SITUATION AS BOOKKEEPER
AND ASSISTANT ROBERTS.

Address, by letter, to L. L.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1884.

WANTED.
A 5 or 6 ROOMED HOUSE on the H
s Detached House or Bungalow
Tennis Court Preferred.
Apply to B. Z.,
Care of "Daily Press" Office

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the Sale of their Good
Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. T.
NENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID COES,
SONS, Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & C
Hongkong, January, 1867.

WHAT IS THIS DISEASE THAT IS COMING UPON US?

Like a thief at night it steals upon us unawares. Many persons have pains about the chest and sides, and sometimes in the back. They feel dull and heavy, the mouth has a bad taste, especially in the morning. A sort of sticky sliminess about the tongue. The appetite is poor. There is feeling like a heavy load on the stomach, sometimes a faint all-over sensation at the pit of the stomach, which food does not rid itself. The eyes are sunken, the hands and feet become cold and clammy. After a while a cough sets in at first dry, but after a few months it is attended with a scanty colored expectoration. The afflicted one feels tired all the while, and sleep does not seem to afford any rest. After a time he becomes nervous, irritable, and gloomy, and has other forebodings. There is a giddiness, a sort of whirling sensation in the head when rising up suddenly. The bowels become constipated, the skin dry and hot at times; the blood becomes thick and stagnant, the whites of the eyes become tinged with yellow, the urine is scanty and high-colored, depositing a sediment after standing. There is frequently a splitting up of the food, sometimes with a sour taste, and sometimes with a sweetish taste; this is frequently attended with palpitation of the heart; the vision becomes impaired with spots before the eyes; there is a feeling of great prostration and anxiety. All these symptoms are in turn present. It is thought that nearly one-third of our population has this disease in some of its varied forms. It has been found that medicinal means mistaken the nature of the disease. Some have tried it for their liver complaint, others for kidney disease, etc., but none of the various kinds of treatment have been attended with success, because the remedy should be such as to act upon the system as a whole, and upon the stomach as well. For in Dyspepsia for this is really what the disease is, and all these organs partake of this disease and require a remedy that will act upon all at the same time. Seigel's Curative Syrup acts like a charm in this class of complaints, giving almost immediate relief. The following letters from chemists of standing in the community will show they live in what estimation the article is held.

John Archer, Harwell, near Shillford.—I can confidently recommend to all who are suffering from liver or stomach complaints, the testimony of my customers, who have derived great benefit from the Syrup and Pills.

The sale is increasing wonderfully. Geo. A. Webb, 141, York Street, Belfast.—I have sold a large quantity of this medicine, and I can say that I have never known a case in which it has not relieved or cured, and I have not any more grosses.

Robt. G. Gould, 27, High Street, Antwerp.—I have always taken a great interest in your medicine, and I have recommended it to many of my friends, and have seen many cases of cure from their use.

Thomas Chapman, West Auckland.—I find that the trade steadily increases. I sell more of your medicine than any other, and as I am a Druggist, I can say that all who buy it are pleased, and recommend it.

Jos. Balkwill, A.P.S., King'sbridge.—The public seem to appreciate your medicine, and I am a Druggist, and I can say that I have never known a case in which it has not relieved or cured, and I have not any more grosses.

Right, London, Moleham.—I can recommend the Curative Syrup from having proved its efficacy for indigestion myself.

Frederick, Arbroath, Forfarshire, Sept. 23, 1882.—Dear Sir,—Last year I sent you a letter recommending Mother Seigel's Syrup. I have very much pleasure in still bearing testimony to the very satisfactory results of the Syrup and Pills. Most of my customers do not with me, but Mother Seigel has a steady sale ever since I commenced, and is still in as great demand as when I first began to sell the medicine. The reason which has come under my notice are chiefly those of liver complaint and general debility.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) WILLIAM S. GLASS, Chemist,
A. J. White, Esq.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.
From December 2nd to 25th 1884.

| Hour | High Water | Low Water |
|------|------------|-----------|
| 12 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| 1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| 2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| 3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| 4 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| 5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| 6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| 7 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| 8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| 9 | 1.9 | 1.9 |
| 10 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 11 | 2.1 | 2.1 |
| 12 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| 1 | 2.3 | 2.3 |
| 2 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| 3 | 2.5 | 2.5 |
| 4 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| 5 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| 6 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| 7 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| 8 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 9 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
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| 9 | 7.9 | 7.9 |
| 10 | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| 11 | 8.1 | 8.1 |
| 12 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
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| 7 | 8.9 | 8.9 |
| 8 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

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| 24th December, 1884, at 12 M. | 30.0 | 72.0 | W | Cloudy |
| 25th December, 1884, at 12 M. | 30.1 | 73.0 | W | Cloudy |
| 26th December, 1884, at 12 M. | 30.2 | 74.0 | W | Cloudy |
| 27th December, 1884, at 12 M. | 30.3 | 75.0 | W | Cloudy |
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| 22nd January, 1885, at 12 M. | 32.9 | 101.0 | W | Cloudy |
| 23rd January, 1885, at 12 M. | 33.0 | 102.0 | W | Cloudy |
| 24th January, 1885, at 12 M. | 33.1 | 103.0 | W | Cloudy |
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| 26th January, 1885, at 12 M. | 33.3 | 105.0 | W | Cloudy |
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EXTRACTS.

A SPRING AFTERNOON IN NEW ZEALAND.

He rode in the shadowy place of pines,
The wind went whispering here and there
Like whistles in a house of prayer.
The sunlight shone in narrow lanes,
And sweet was the delicious atmosphere.
The shrill whistle, far and near,
Told of the high and level plain.
Summer! Summer! He seems to say—
Summer! He knows no other word,
That little on the living day;
The little shadow of the green,
When his horse's hooves all the forest floor
A shadowy land of deep repose!
Here where the loud and westerly blows,
How sweet, to soothe a trivial care,
The pine trees over-matured pray!
To shake the second leaf down
From sleeping boughs that lean the way
And see the vista, golden brown
Stretch to the sky-line far away.
But on and upward still we ride
Whether the fane, an oval bower,
Scattered about the bare hillside,
Handful of free anemone gold,
And breaths of nutty, wild perfume,
Salute us from the flowering bower.
To love this narrow sandy road
That leads to the hill and vale,
Twining where once a rivulet flowed,
With an easy, gentle, calm,
I have this happy coming home,
And the wind blowing from the ridge,
Shaped like some great mountain playing,
And the twinkling windows of the farm
Just where the woodland throws an arm
To hear what the merry stream is saying.
Stop the horses for a moment, high upon the breezy
steep,
Looking over plain and upland, and the depths of
summer air,
Watch the cloud and shadow sailing o'er the forest's
sandy floor,
Misty cross and snow-drops glimmer on the rugged
rocks,
Hear that distant thunder rolling, surely 'tis the
making tide,
Swinging all the blue Pacific on the harbor's iron
side,
Now the day grows grey and chill, but see on yonder
wooded fold,
Between the clouds, a ray of sunshine slips, and writes
a word in gold.

QUEER STORIES.

THE CAPTAIN'S COUP.

Having achieved his business, Captain Belpier decided, on every ground, to leave England the same evening. He knew where to find his hand on Mr. Farquarson's door when he would be ready to receive his securities, and, meanwhile, he thought it would be prudent to keep out of the way. Accordingly, he made a journey to the Channel, took a passage by a steamer which left Liverpool early the following morning. He then returned to his lodgings and completed what little there remained to be done in the way of packing his effects, after which he strolled to an adjacent restaurant and ordered a choice little dinner, so as to occupy himself until he left town for Liverpool.

The Captain enjoyed his repast amazingly, being mentally engaged in calculating the profit which would result from his bargain. He worked out even better than he had anticipated, and when he pictured to himself the anger and dismay of Mr. Benlevi as soon as Mr. Farquarson's death became known, he heartily congratulated himself upon his foresight and acumen. In the midst of these agreeable reflections, an obsequious waiter placed an evening paper in his hand. It was a late edition, and the Captain naturally turned to read his eyes anew upon the paragraph which so closely concerned him. At a glance he perceived that it contained new matter, and with breathless interest he proceeded to read as follows:

The deceased has just been identified by one of the students at Dr. Black's asylum in Surrey, as a Mr. Thomas Ainslie, a gentleman of means, who had been confined to the asylum for some years. From the fact that the unfortunate deceased was not violently and excitedly disturbed, it is supposed that he was not in the habit of committing any of the crimes which had been attributed to him. The Captain's attention was immediately attracted by the announcement of the identity of the deceased, there could be no doubt in the world that the person referred to in the paragraph was his companion in the case of the preceding day, all the circumstances being correctly detailed. It followed, therefore, that he had been deceived into believing that Mr. Thomas Ainslie was Mr. Farquarson.

He hailed a hansom outside the restaurant, and drove straight to his lodgings, where he ordered the man to wait, in order to take him and his baggage to Euston. He opened the street-door with a latch-key, and, upon entering his sitting-room, he was unpleasantly started by finding an individual who was apparently awaiting him. As it was getting dusk, he failed to recognise his visitor, and, visions of summary arrest, caused him to halt in the doorway, looking the picture of embarrassment.

"Captain, I tell you you were bound to come back for your baggage, as I thought I would," said a familiar voice.

"Mr. Benlevi!" exclaimed the Captain, with a start.

The day was certainly full of surprises for the Captain, whose general perplexity of mind was increased by this unexpected visit. To give him time to recover his equanimity, he proceeded to light the gas and to pull down the blinds, while he hastily reflected whether Mr. Benlevi's appearance could possibly herald some fresh misfortune. He felt by no means reassured on this point when he perceived that the money-lender looked aggrieved and angry.

"What is it, Mr. Benlevi? My time is short, and I must go," he remarked, as he glanced at his watch.

"Captain Belpier," began Mr. Benlevi, solemnly, "I have always regarded you as a gentleman, and treated you as such."

"Quite so. Fire away!" interposed the Captain, pleasantly, by way of concealing his growing apprehension.

"Captain Belpier, you've deceived me," continued the money-lender, quite unconcerned by his companion's levity. "Business is business, and between men of honour everything should be fair and square and above board. When I asked you this morning, Captain, if you knew anything of Mr. Farquarson's state of health, you were in honour bound to have answered me truly."

"What the deuce are you driving at?" cried the Captain, beginning to feel mystified.

"I've just come across this paragraph, Captain Belpier," said Mr. Benlevi, producing a paper from his pocket and laying it upon the table. "I can see as far through a brick wall as most people, and can also put two and two together. In a word, Captain, I gather from this that I have been deceived."

The Captain took the newspaper which Mr. Benlevi handed to him, and, without a word, commenced to read the paragraph referred to. He was beginning to have a dim idea that the money-lender had taken leave of his senses. The next moment, however, a sudden light cleared away his misgivings and apprehensions and caused his pulses to quicken. As he ran his eye over the paragraph which referred to him, he had instinctively guessed, to the sudden death of the supposed Mr. Farquarson, he was struck by the fact that no names were mentioned in the other hand, allusion was made to the mysterious individual who had deserted the deceased man during his journey. The account slightly differed in other respects from those he had already seen, and was published by another paper. But later details were omitted, from which it was evident that Mr. Benlevi had got hold of an early report, and had not seen the subsequent one. Captain Belpier at once divined the cause of Mr. Benlevi's indignation, and was instantly on the alert to take advantage of what appeared to be a curious piece of good luck.

"What the deuce is this all about?" he exclaimed, throwing the paper on the table.

"What has that report to do with either of us?"

"Come, come, Captain," said Mr. Benlevi, half-sarcastically and half seriously, "there was two of 'em, you see."

"Two of whom?" cried the Captain.

"Can't you speak out?"

"I can when I choose, Captain Belpier, and I can make myself heard too," returned Mr. Benlevi, with blasphemous assurance.

"Going down to identify this party that died in the cab, and if it turns out to be Mr. Farquarson I shall know who the other was."

"What then? D—n it, Mr. Benlevi," added the Captain, with gathering indignation, as though the idea had suddenly occurred to him, "do you mean to say you think that the other individual?"

"The deceased turned out to be Mr. Farquarson," said the money-lender, with an unpleasant grin.

"Well, and supposing it's a true bill?" said the Captain, after a prolonged stare, intended to express speechless indignation.

"I would rather not discuss that, Captain," returned Mr. Benlevi, with an ominous shake of the head. "I'm sure I don't wish to do anything unfriendly."

"Look here, Mr. Benlevi!" cried the Captain, twirling his moustache, after another stare at his companion. "I—I know I've a devilish hasty temper, and I know I've trained myself not to jump at conclusions. Am I to understand that you accuse me of deliberately attempting to swindle you?"

The Captain placed rather ostentatiously towards the window as he spoke, showing that he meditated ejecting Mr. Benlevi from the apartment by that convenient means of exit. The money-lender apparently guessed what was passing in his mind, for he dropped his blasphemous manner and assumed a conciliatory tone.

"Come, come, Captain! Swindling isn't a word that ought to be used between us, you know. I said nothing about swindling."

"But you meant it," roared the Captain, not the least mollified.

"Let me put it straight to you, Captain. Do you know anything about the case mentioned in this paragraph?" said Mr. Benlevi, with an appearance of frank outspokenness.

"You would believe me, of course, if I said no," returned Captain Belpier, with fierce irony.

"The party that died may not be Mr. Farquarson after all," said Mr. Benlevi, eagerly.

The Captain made an indignant gesture with his hand, and, without waiting to be asked, he sat down in his chair, but, restraining what appeared to be a strong inclination to commit violent assault and battery upon the person of the money-lender, Captain Belpier took any stride or two about the room.

"Listen to me, Mr. Benlevi," he said at length, speaking with great dignity and with a certain amount of haughtiness to answer the impertinent and insulting question. "A woman as I was on the point of pitching you out of the window, since I've changed my mind. You are, no doubt, accustomed to being kicked."

"Sir!" interposed the money-lender, in an angry, but, nevertheless, somewhat restrained voice.

"I'm quite satisfied with your denial, Captain," he began, apologetically.

"Don't you do that, Captain," said the money-lender, striding across to the door and turning back. "I can only give you two minutes, as I have to catch a train."

"I have to catch a train," he added, as he glanced at his watch. "In that time you must decide whether to take back the papers and return me my money, or—"

A significant glance in the direction of the door, which he had just opened, told the Captain's harangue. Mr. Benlevi fully grasped the innuendo, and at pale and speechless in his chair. For a few moments not a word was spoken, and Captain Belpier feigned to be busy with the lock of a hat-box. At length the money-lender found his tongue and said boldly:

"You are not treating me handsomely, Captain Belpier."

"Handsomeness is a handsome dose," remarked the Captain, emphatically.

"I see you are in earnest, Captain," said Mr. Benlevi, looking at him apprehensively, and at the same time drawing a pocket-book slowly and reluctantly from his pocket.

"In most devilish earnest," retorted the Captain, with a harsh laugh.

Mr. Benlevi seemed to think so, for he proceeded to open the pocket-book, and to finger the contents nervously.

"You've brought the money, I see," sneered Captain Belpier, doing his utmost to conceal a look of exultation.

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